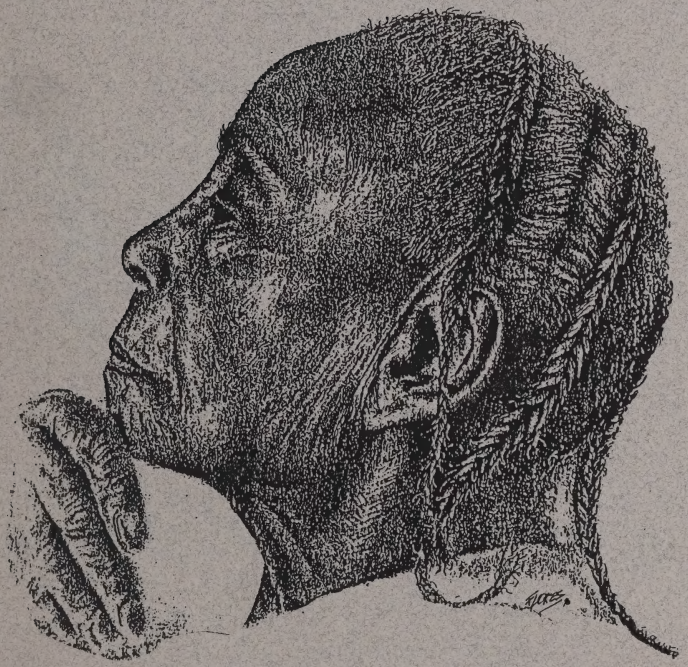
# Septima P. Clark Alternative School



Social Change Through Education

Septima P. Clark began her career as an educator in 1916. After nearly forty years of teaching she was fired and her retirement benefits withheld for refusing to renounce her involvement in the NAACP. Septima Clark then developed the idea of "citizenship schools." Here Blacks learned to read and write, thus enabling them to register to vote. She trained hundreds of other teachers. In 1955 3 1/2 million Blacks weren't registered to vote. By 1970 nearly 2 million more Blacks were voting.

In the 1950s, Septima Clark also became the Director of Education at the Highlander Folk School in Tennessee. Highlander was started in 1932 by Miles Horton as a place where adults could come together and discuss problems facing their communities. Septima Clark worked with other progressive movements fighting for the rights of Blacks and women.

She died in 1987.

Septima P. Clark Alternative School offers progressive education to the Rochester community for students in grades 5 - 8. It is our intention to use educational methods which will not undermine children's creativity and potential. We are a non-sexist, multi-cultural,

anti-racist community dedicated to social change through education.

We seek to provide the highest quality education so that we can empower our students to reach for and achieve excellence in all areas of their lives.

Tuition is on a sliding scale basis. No one will be denied admission to the School because of inability to pay tuition.

Septima P. Clark Alternative School does not discriminate on the basis of gender, creed, cultural identity, sexuality, race, color, national or ethnic origin, or political affiliation.

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